

"The Middle East is a very fragile region and war is not the answer. I call on this administration to further diplomatic talks between the nations and actors that are interested in fostering a lasting peace and a 2-state solution. In order for there to be stability and a lasting peace in the region, a diplomatic solution must be reached," Farr said.

H. Res 955 also calls on the US and the international community to assist in the reconstruction and rebuilding of the areas affected by violence and urges all involved to recognize that Israel has the right to exist and to create a lasting peace.

While in Congress, Farr has worked to improve the US government's response to failed and failing states and has learned the importance of rebuilding conflict ridden and war torn societies.

"Stabilization and Reconstruction efforts are incredibly important for a lasting peace, and the world community needs to make a robust and sustained commitment to rebuild all affected areas and strengthen the Lebanese state," Farr said.

"We must remember that violence has its consequences. Innocent men, women and children on both sides are being hurt or killed. Their lives are being shattered. Humanitarian aid must be allowed to reach those affected by the violence," he added.

"This resolution is an attempt to create a dialogue for peace - we must begin talking about an end game to the violence, or peace will never be achieved. "

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

Calling for sustainable peace in the Middle East.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives-

- (1) Calls on all parties in the Middle East to observe a cease-fire and renew efforts to create a sustainable peace;
- (2) Calls on the United States and the international community to assist in the reconstruction and rebuilding efforts in areas in the Middle East that are affected by violence; and;
- (3) Urges all parties to recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist.